

A TRIBUTE TO NOLA CARTMILL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nola Cartmill for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

As a shareholder and attorney at Belin McCormick P.C., Nola works hard to provide her clients with top of the line legal services. Her passion stems from the support she has received from her mentors throughout her life. Her willingness to serve others and give back to her community is one of the main reasons she was given this award. Nola volunteers her time as a board member of Children and Families of Iowa where she works tirelessly to show those who have lost all hope that there are people out there who will work with you to get you back on your feet and on a path to success.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Nola in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Nola on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING NEIL KORNZE, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative GARAMENDI and Representative HUFFMAN, rise to recognize and honor Director Kornze for his great contribution to the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument by President Barack Obama on July 10, 2015.

This outstanding accomplishment was made possible by the tireless work of countless advocates. Their commitment to engaging friends, colleagues, local residents, businesses, stakeholders across the country, and policymakers in a coordinated effort to achieve permanent protection was critical to the establishment of the Monument.

Now, the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument may be counted among the hundreds of

"pristine parks across the country that represent America's most treasured public resources. The region's unique geological formations will play host for the world's scientists for years to come. Centuries-old archeological sites will draw curious historians and researchers as they piece together the stories of generations past. And avid bikers, hikers, campers, horsemen, and sportsmen will be able to enjoy this landmark that is now forever open and accessible to outdoor enthusiasts from Northern California and beyond.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument serves as proof of the value of the Antiquities Act and the power of the Executive to protect these lands in the face of inaction by Congress. After extensive input from interested parties and substantial evidence of this region's value, the Obama Administration honored the support of stakeholders, and the gravity of conservation.

The legacy of public lands is one of the most important we can leave for future generations. The Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument is a critical piece of a preservation system that stretches from the Hawaiian Islands to the Maine Coast. It has been a privilege working with Director Kornze to further our mutual goal of preserving our nation's great open spaces, and we look forward to collaborating in the future.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the City of San Buenaventura as it celebrates 150 years of incorporation. Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Los Padres National Forest, the City of San Buenaventura is known for its breathtaking ocean views and expansive rolling hills and truly lives up to its namesake as the "City of Good Fortune."

The City of San Buenaventura has a long history and archaeological discoveries in the area suggest that humans have populated the region for at least 10,000–12,000 years. Founded in 1782, the San Buenaventura Mission served as the heart of this small coastal community and the city was incorporated on April 2, 1866. From the beginning, Ventura has been a place of commerce, starting with the indigenous Chumash, who were fine artisans and adept travelers by canoes, naming it Shisholop or "port on the coast" for their lucrative trade activities. While living in Shisholop Village, which is now downtown Ventura, the local indigenous Chumash people thrived through their trade of shell bead money and chert.

In 1873, the community's visionary leaders boldly stepped up to establish Ventura County, carved from Santa Barbara, with the City of San Buenaventura as the county helm. As development boomed in the 1900s, the region flourished with agricultural operations and oil production.

According to local lore, the city's name was abbreviated to Ventura to accommodate the dimensions of a sign at the local railroad sta-

tion. Today, Ventura has continued its steady growth and boasts over 100,000 residents. Throughout history, Ventura has remained an ideal locale for residents, businesses, and visitors as a quintessential California coastal community often cited as one of the most desirable places to live in the United States.

With the historic Two Trees overlooking the city, Ventura has miles of pristine beaches, making it one of the most renowned destinations for surfing. Ventura is home to the iconic Ventura Pier and the Ventura Harbor, a commercial harbor gateway to the Channel Islands National Park. With a thriving downtown cultural district, many musicians come through to play at the Majestic Ventura Theater and festivals regularly occur at Plaza Park. Ventura is also known as the host of the annual Ventura County Fair, "a county fair with ocean air."

As we commemorate the city's 150th anniversary, I would like to commend the City of San Buenaventura and its residents, past and present, on their success of reaching this milestone. I offer my sincerest congratulations during this sesquicentennial celebration and look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.

HONORING BARBARA J. POWERS OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Barbara J. Powers on her May 31, 2016 retirement upon 30 years of Federal Civilian Service to the United States of America.

Mrs. Powers' career has culminated as the Executive Support Specialist to the Commanding General, United States Army Medical Research and Material Command. Mrs. Powers served in the United States Air Force from March 1977 to March 1981, throughout which she performed duty at Andrews Air Force Base, Carlisle Barracks, the U.S. Department of Energy and at Fort Detrick, where she's served for the last 16 years.

Since the beginning of her career, Mrs. Powers performed with zeal, professionalism and tireless dedication to duty—the standard by which all civil servants should be measured.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I'm proud and humbled to congratulate Barbara J. Powers on her retirement after 30 years of service to the United States of America.

HONORING LULA FRIAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Lula Friar.

Ms. Lula Friar is a retired educator with 30 years of experience teaching in the classroom. She taught at Goodman-Pickens Elementary School in Pickens, Mississippi. She used her passion for teaching the little ones to successfully prepare second-graders for their academic journey until she retired in 2008. In

2004, she was recognized as the Teacher of the Year by the Holmes County School District.

Ms. Friar is currently employed by the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) and has shown herself to be a valuable resource and asset to CSLC. Over the last five years, she has served as the HIPPY Coordinator for CSLC's Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), an early childhood literacy evidence-based program for 3- to 5-year-olds that teaches lessons in homes and works with families to support parents as their child's primary teacher.

In addition to her role as a HIPPY Coordinator, she also utilizes her teaching experience to support other educational enrichment programs and services available at CSLC such as the After School Program, where she has served for five years. She also works with the CSLC Summer Youth Enrichment Program, where she has provided her leadership and teaching expertise for the last 12 years. Although she is no longer in the school system, Ms. Friar continues to keep her state teaching license renewed. CSLC is grateful to have a certified teacher working with its children.

Education is only a part of Friar's service at CSLC. Her primary position is Housing Advocate under the CSLC Housing Programs in which she assists the center in coordinating affordable housing and rehab housing services for low income families. Friar takes pride in helping children and their families secure better living conditions.

When she is not working at CSLC she is an active member at her church, Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington where she has served on the Board of Trustees for the past ten years, Vice-President of the Lebanon Inspiration Choir, President of the Lebanon Senior Choir, and also works with the youth department. Over the past 15 years, Lula has also helped with the Holmes County Central High School Marching Band. In her spare time, Lula also enjoys spending quality time with her family and grandkids.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lula Friar for her dedication and support to the Holmes County Community.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Centennial Anniversary of the Boy Scout Troop 2, located in West Orange, Essex County, New Jersey.

In January 1916, a group of seven boys were registered into The Boy Scouts of America. Today, they are known as the Boy Scout Troop 2 of West Orange. They were originally sponsored by the Men's Guild of the First Methodist Church at High and Ridge with The Reverend Karl K. Quimby as their first Scoutmaster. Together they promised to do their duty to God and country, to help other people, to keep physically strong, morally straight and mentally awake. Originally the program was

tailored for outdoor activities and nature studies. However, today it is more expansive in its interests and is learning about technology. Over the past one-hundred years, about 1,750 boys have participated and nearly sixty of those boys have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

The role of the Troops Scoutmaster has always been a major factor in the longevity and success of Troop 2. One Scoutmaster that had particular impact was William K. Rust during the Second World War. Due to the war taking a lot of young men away from the town, not many were left to keep the troop alive. Without Bill, Troop 2 may have been ended.

A large part in why Troop 2 has been successful over the years is due to their credo, "Scouting is Outing." The "Patrol Leaders Council" of the senior scouts plan monthly short-term camping trips and a week long summer camping trip at Camp Wakpomee. Along with these trips, they have also enjoyed overnight bike hikes and canoe trips on the Upper Delaware River, White Water rafting on the Lehigh River, ski trips and week-long excursions to Washington, DC.

Troop 2 also has a long history of service in their community. To name a few of the projects they have been involved in: the sale of war bonds during World War I, the cultivation of Victory Gardens, the collection of scrap metals during both World War I and II, the distribution of informational tracts such as air raid posters and get out to vote, and their latest service project, "Scouting for Food," the collection of food for the needy.

For their active participation and achievements, Troop 2 has won many awards including: The President Roosevelt Award in 1934, permanent possession of the Klondike Derby trophy in 1962, numerous first prize at camps, distinguished troop awards at summer camp, and represented the Orange Mountain Council at the New York World's Fair. Each year, at summer camp, they have been awarded the Troop Excellence Award.

Many of the boys who worked their way through the ranks were molded into responsible adults who continue to uphold the ideals of scouting in their present occupations such as engineers, lawyers, teachers and doctors. Troop 2 has offered their boys moral training and preparations in the tests of life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the members of the Boy Scout Troop 2 of West Orange, New Jersey for all of their service to the community, and in congratulating them and their scout leaders on their Centennial Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MEGAN GRANDGEORGE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Megan Grandgeorge for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

As the co-owner of Le Jardin restaurant and director of marketing and public relations for Variety—the Children's Charity, Megan certainly stays busy. Her drive and passion for her restaurant and Variety is matched only by her love of Des Moines. At Variety, Megan has worked tirelessly to promote their message as well as increase awareness for the children of Iowa who are underprivileged, at-risk, or have a mental illness. Believe it or not, Megan would still like to find time to dedicate herself to several other community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Megan in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Megan on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EAST COAST SIKH FREEDOM RALLY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sikh Coordination Committee of the East Coast and its East Coast Sikh Freedom Rally, taking place here in Washington DC. On April 9, hundreds of Sikhs from around the country came to our nation's capital to promote justice for Sikhs around the world.

As the co-chairman of the American Sikh Congressional Caucus, I speak with the Sikh community regularly about injustices occurring around the world. American Sikhs have contributed to the strength and diversity of the United States for more than 130 years. They play an active role in our local communities and are a strong part of our economy.

Whether it's equal opportunity in the U.S. Armed Forces, fair treatment for travelers or religious freedom in the workplace, Sikhs are still facing challenges. The American Sikh Congressional Caucus is working to address some of these issues, and I commend those who will come together in Washington to make their voices heard to their government and fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, events like the East Coast Sikh Freedom Rally will help Americans and people around the world better understand the issues facing the Sikh community. I thank the organization and its leaders for their dedication to this cause.